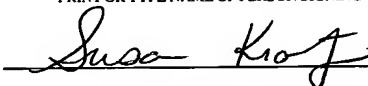


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RESPONSE A

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 14, 2004, please amend the specification and claims as detailed hereinafter and reconsider the claims in view of the arguments presented hereinafter.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.